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VRMMO活動記

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THE BUILDING IN THE SOUTH FORT TOWN I'M IN RIGHT NOW

HAS ITS FIRST FLOOR AS A BAR, DOUBLING AS A REQUEST BOARD OFFICE, ITS SECOND FLOOR BEING AN INN

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SCUZE ME

I'VE HUNTED DOWN 8 HIGH RABBITS FOR THE ORDER

SFX: CHATTER X4

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I'VE TAKEN A REQUEST FROM THE BOARD HERE

AND HAVE JUST COMPLETED SUBJUGATION OF HIGH RABBITS, RAVAGING THE FIELDS

I DIDN'T WANT TO BE IN THE CENTRE OF AN UPROAR

I WAS BOMBARDED WITH LETTERS LIKE "HOW DID YOU GET SUCH A MOUNT!?"

AFTER THE VIDEO OF ME, BOARDING PIKASHA SURFACED ON THE NET

I HAVE A REASON FOR CHOOSING THE FURTHEST TOWN THERE IS

MY BASE OF OPERATIONS IS IN THE SOUTH FORT TOWN, THOUGH IT'S THE FURTHEST ONE FROM NEXIA

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WHICH CAME AS A SURPRISE, CAUSE PIKASHAS ARE KNOWN NOT TO LET ANYONE BOARD THEM WITHOUT AN OFFICIAL ORDER

GOOD GIRL

BY THE WAY, PIKASHA FOLLOWED ME TO THIS FORT TOWN

SO THEN .....

SEE YOU

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A GIFT OF GRATI -TUDE

...OH, A HUMAN CUSTOMER, WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT

EXCUSE ME, AM I RIGHT TO SUGGEST YOU'RE THE I?

SFX: STARE

WHAT ARE THE COMPA-RATIVELY WEAK MONSTERS IN THIS AREA?

HAVE A LOOK AT THE ONES WE'VE GO PINNED UP HERE

WHAT A WEIRD WAY TO START A TALK, BUT DO YOU HAVE AN REQUESTS HERE?

THEY ARE PEST-LIKE CREATURES PILLAGING FIELDS AND DEVOURING CROPS, ALTHOUGH A TOUGH OPONENT FOR YOUR AVERAGE FAIRY

THEN, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE HIGH RABBITS?

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...HOWEVER, AFTER BEING SNEAK-ATTACKED FROM COVER IT STILL HAS 58 HP LEFT

OTHERWISE THAT IS AN UNBEATABLE OPPONENT FOR FAIRIES, HIGH RABBIT WHO KNOW SEEMS MAGIC TO TO HAVE SOME NO OTHER DEGREE TRICKS UP ITS SLEEVE

SFX: PI---RORORORO

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WHAT!?

SFX: WHISH

IT HAS MORE HP THAN A BEAR...

A RABBIT STRONGER THAN A BEAR, WHAT A FANTASY SETTING....

PIKYU

TIME TO... TO FINISH IT

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YOU KIDDNG ME...!!

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SFX:ZOON

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DAMN ...

...WHAT WAS THAT?

THIEF BIRD
A BIRD-TYPE MONSTER, THAT SNATCHES HALF-DEAD HUNTED MONSTERS TO FEED ITSELF.

SFX: GETTING IT

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NOW I GET IT, WHY THE WEAKEST MONSTER SUBJUGATION HAS A 5000 GOLS REWARD... IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME...

SO, IN THIS QUEST I HAVE TO HANDLE NOT ONLY RABBITS, BUT ALSO THOSE THIEF BIRS STEALING MY PREY

SFX: FLAP

SFX: WHOOSH

SFX: PI—RORORO...

I GUESS, SNIPING IT AT THAT MOMENT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA

IT'S USING THE FAST ASCEND AFTER A SWIFT DESCENT ATTACK, BUT IT THE MOMENT, WHEN ITS STICKS IT'S TALONS INTO THE PREY, IT'S SLOW AND WIDE-OPEN

AIR RESISTANCE

I SEE

SFX: Pi---ROROROO

DUST ARROW

AND GOT YOU

AS I THOUGHT, IT TRIED TO SNATCH FOOD FROM ME, CAUSE IT'S WEAK

IF IT HAD THE STRENGTH, IT'D HUNT ON ITS OWN

NOW I CAN HUNT DOWN THE REMAINING 7 HIGH RABBITS LEISURELY, WHILE SHOOTING DOWN THE THIEF BIRDS

SHOT IT DOWN

...YOU ARE GOOD

OH

YOU'RE FINISHED ALREADY!? IT SHOULD'VE TAKEN COUPLE MORE DAYS...

AND THIEF BIRDS ...?

OBSERVING YOUR ENEMY GIVES YOU A BIG ADVANTAGE ...

THOUGH DOING IT THIS WAY IS ONLY POSSIBLE THANKS TO ME BEING AN ARCHER

...SO HONEST

THEN, HERE IS THE RENT...

BY ALL MEANS, USE OUR INNER KITCHEN

BY THE WAY, IS THERE A PLACE, WHERE I COULD DO SOME COOKING, AROUND?

SFX: SIZZLE

FIRST, LET'S CUT SOME HIGH RABBIT AND THIEF BIRD MEAT INTO THIN SLICES

AND ROAST IT IN A SIMPLE MANNER WITH JUST A LITTLE SALT AND PEPPER

OKAY ...

SFX: PUFF

SFX: SIZZLE

FIRST I NEED TO GET A TASTE OF THE INGRED -IENTS

SFX: CHEW X2

---IT'S GOOD

THOUGH SLICES ARE SO THIN, THE TASTE OF MEAT IS STRONG AND ALMOST NO BAD SIDE-FLAVOUR OR SMELL

SUITED FOR BOTH SIMPLE AND ADVANCED CUISINE

GOOD EVEN FOR AN UNSKILLED PERSON

LET'S START WITH THIEF BIRD MEAT

FIRST LET'S DO SOME SIMPLE KEBABS

FIRST, LET'S PUT IT ON SKEWERS, ROTATING IT WITH A LEEK-LIKE HERB

WITH SIMPLE SALT AND PEPPER AND JUST A SPRINKLE OF LEMON JUICE AS SEASONING

AND, BECAUSE IT DOESN'T REQUIRE RESTAURANT-GRADE SKILLS, IT'S NOT THAT HARD TO COOK AND TASTES GOOD

WHEN IT STARTS COOKING, THE GRILLED MEAT FRAGANCE SLOWLY SPREADS THROUGH THE KITCHEN

YUP, HERE YOU SHOULD BE VERY PATIENT NOT TO HAVE A SIP OF BEER

QUALITY 8!

AS I THOUGHT, GOING WITH A SIMPLE DISH WAS A GREAT DECISION

[KEBAB-GRILLED THIEF BIRD WITH REEDS]
A DISH MADE BY GRILLING PIECES OF THIEF BIRD MEAT BETWEEN PIECES OF REED ON A SKEWER, LIGHTLY SEASONED.
SPECIAL EFFECT: SPEED INCREASE (MODERATE)
PRODUCTION QUALITY: 8

THE EXPLANATORY NOTE CONTAINS EVEN SOMETHING LIKE "IT'S TASTE GOES IDEALLY WITH ALCOHOL."

AFTER I FINISH COOKING, I'LL GO TO THE BAR AND HAVE SOMETHING TO DRINK WITH IT

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LET'S SEE... THE NEXT ONE IS HIGH RABBIT MEAT

WHAT SHOULD I MAKE OF IT.....

THE LEFTOVERS OF THIEF BIRD MEAT AND THIS ONE...

...A MIX OF GROUND MEATS IT WOULD BE A HAMBURGER STEAK

I GUESS

THE MIXTURE PROPOR-TION IS 3 PARTS OF BIRD TO 7 PARTS RABBIT MEAT

THANKS TO MY KITCHEN KNIFE DUAL-WIELDING SKILLS, I CAN MINCE THE MEAT IN SECONDS

CHOPCHOPCHOP-CHOPCHOPCHOOPCHOP THE KNIVES ARE RHYTHMICALLY HITTING THE BOARD

WHEN IT'S MINCED, I ADD A LITTLE SALT, PEPPER AND FINELY-CUT HERBS AND THEN MIX IN AN EGG

THEN I KNEAD IT, PROPERLY AND EVENLY

DOING IT THIS WAY WILL GIVE IT STICK-INESS, WHILE SEALING IN THE FLAVOUR

SFX: SIZZLE

THIS WAY THE REMAINING AIR WILL GET OUT AND THE STEAKS WON'T LOSE THEIR SHAPE, WHILE FRYING

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AND

THEN I SHAPE IT, WHILE THROWING THEM BETWEEN MY PALMS

SFX. PAT X2

SFX: GULP

THAT'S A NICE SOUND, MAKES YOU FORGET YOU'RE IN A VIRTUAL SPACE AND GULP SALIVA

THE QUALITY IS 7... SO THIS BLENDING RATIO IS...

OKAY, AND IF WE ADD THE SAUCE, MADE FROM THE JUICES, THAT POURED OUT WHILE FRYING

[RABBIT HAMBURGER STEAK]
A HAMBURGER STEAK MADE FROM A MIXTURE OF HIGH RABBITS AND THEIF BIRD MEATS.
THE FLAVOUR IS DIFFERENT FROM THE HAMBURGER STEAK POPULAR AMOUNG THE HUMAN KIN, BUT ALL IN ALL NOT BAD.
PRODUCTION QUAILITY: 7

SFX: BITE

TEST TASTE

LET'S START WITH SKEWERS

SFX: CHEW X2

UHUM, DELICIOUS, THE FLAVOUR'S SEEPING OUT WHILE YOU'RE CHEWING IT'S SO GOOD, I CAN'T STOP

SFX: CHEW X2

SFX: GULP...

NOW, FOR THE HAM-BURGER STEAK

LET'S SEE ABOUT IT'S TASTE...

SFX: M----

MMM, NOT BAD IN ITSELF

THOUGH, AS A HAMBURG STEAK, IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I'VE TASTED UP TILL NOW

BUT IF YOU LOOK AT IT AS A SEPARATE DISH, IT'S REALLY GOOD

E..HEM, WOULD YOU SELL US SOME FOOD, IF WE PAY YOU?

SFX: HUH!!

HUMAN KIN REALLY HAVE DIFFERENT CUISINE

I'D LIKE A BITE

HE'S FINISHED, IT SEEMS

SFX: HUH!!

I'M BUYING!!!!

WOAH !!

SFX: HUM X3

MORE WINE, PLEASE!!

THIEF BIRD TURNED TO BE SO TASTY!!

THOSE TERRIBLE HIGH RABBITS ARE NOT THAT BAD IN THIS SHAPE

YOU CAN'T BUT HAVE SOME ALCOHOL WITH IT

AND MY PART...

SEEING PEOPLE SMILING AFTER TASTING MY FOOD IS HAPPINESS IN ITSELF

WELL ...

IT'S OK...

SINCE THEN I WAS COMPLE-TING REQU-ESTS FOR A FEW DAYS

COOK-ING

SELLING IT TO THE BAR CUSTOM-ERS

AND DRINKING TOGETHER WITH THEM

AND SO MY PLAY CYCLE WENT ON...

IN CHATTING WITH FAIRIES, WHO CAME TO DRINK

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EARTH, PLEASE, HURRY AND HIDE UNDER THE COUNTER!!

SFX: BA NG

SISTER, HURRY AND HIDE EARTH

THAT FORT SUPER-VISOR'S FOOL OF A DAUGHTER IS COMING THIS WAY!!

SFX: BANG

I JUST CAN'T MISS MY CHANCE TO HAVE A HUMAN COOK FOR ME!!

SHOW HIM TO ME RIGHT NOW!!

I'VE HEARD THERE WAS A HUMAN, COOKING WEIRD DISHES, HERE!!

SUCH A ORDERING MANNER, SO THAT'S THE STUPID GIRL OF A FORT MISTRESS?

MY SINCES -REST APOLO -GY, MISSUS

THAT PERSON DEPARTED FROM HERE JUST YESTERDAY

---THEN, I PRESUME, HE'D BEEN HERE FOR A FEW DAYS?

AND THEN LEFT, FOR REALS? HM? NOTHING GOOD WILL COME FROM HIDING HIM, YOU KNOW?

IF SHE REALIZES THAT, IT'S GONNA BE TROUBLE

IT'S NOT AS IF HE IS REFUSING THE HONOUR TO MAKE FOOD FOR ME?

BUT I HAVE NO WISH TO COOK IN SUCH A SUFFOCATING ATMOSPHERE

I TRIED TO WARN THE PERSON, THAT LEAVING WITHOUT PREPARATION S MIGHT BE DANGEROUS....

BE HE JUST SAID HE HAD AN URGENT BUSINESS IN THE EAST

--EAST, YOU SAY?

AS I SAID, HE HEADED EASTWARDS

IF THERE IS A HUMAN COOK AROUND, HE WON'T MAKE A STEP OUT OF THE TOWN WITHOUT COOKING FOR ME!!

I ORDER YOU TO FIND AND BRING HIM TO ME!!

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I SEE

THE MANAGER'S TOLD ME HE WENT EAST ON FOOT!!

IF HE WENT AT NIGHT, WE'LL CATCH UP IN NO TIME

SFX: POP

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TO THINK THAT STUPID GIRL HAS AN EYE ON YOU... MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES, EARTH

...IT SHOULD BE OKAY TO GET OUT NOW

AND AT FIRST, GIVING YOU SOME PREFEREN -TIAL TREATMENT DIDN'T OCCUR TO ME

YUP...

QUEEN ISSUED AN ORDER... A REQUESTED EVEN, NOT TO BOTHER YOU, EVEN IF RECOGNIZED

...AS I THOUGHT, YOU'VE KNOWN ABOUT ME FROM THE START

WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT, MR SUPVISOR?

NOTHING GOOD WILL COME FROM IGNORING THE PEOPLE, YOU KNOW?

THE FORT SUPERVISOR CAN'T HANDLE HER WELL, HE TURNS A BLIND EYE TO HER SELFISH AND RASH ACTIONS

AFTER A DIVORCE, HER CHARACTER DEVELOPED A FEW PROBLEMS

SHE'S THE DAUG -HTER OF THE FORT SUPER -VISOR

LIVING HERE WAS VERY RELAXING

MY CUISINE BEING PRAISED AND HAVING DRINKS, DRESSED WITH LAUGHTER, TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE

BUT NOW YOU HAVE TO GO, DON'T YOU?

I WISH THAT NEVER HAPPENED AND YOU COULD STAY A BIT LONGER....

I SEE... SOME OF HER PRIVATE SQUAD MAY YET TO BE AROUND

YOU'D BETTER STAYED UNTIL EVENING

I'D LIKE TO STAY TOO, BUT IT SEEMS I CAN'T, I'LL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY NOT TO CAUSE YOU ANY MORE TROUBLE

SOME OF THE GUYS DISTRACTED THE SQUAD MEMBERS WITH SOME MEANING -LESS CONVERSA -TION TO LET US SNEAK BY

IT BASCIALLY WAS JUST WALKING THROUGH THE NIGHT CITY, FOLLOWING THE TIMING GIVEN BY THE FAIRY IN CHARGE

STILL, I COULDN'T IMAGINE WE COULD LEAVE THE TOWN LIKE THIS

SO, AS THE SUN WENT DOWN, WE STARTED ALONG THE ESCAPE PLAN

WELL, IT WASN'T ANYTHING THAT GRAND

I'M SO SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU AT THIS TIME

---MR. EARTH, AREN'T YOU

DON'T WORRY, HE'S OUR COMRADE

...THE GATE-KEEPER, IT'S TROUBLE

WE SHALL OPEN THE DOOR AT ONCE

PLEASE, HAVE A SAFE TRIP

OH, THAT'S THE LEAST I CAN OFFER

NOW HURRY, PLEASE!!

WHEN EVERYTHING CALMS DOWN, PLEASE VIST THE TOWN ONCE AGAIN

WE'LL GATHER THE EVIDENCE OF HER MISCHIEFS AFTER THIS AND PETITION THE FORT SUPERVISOR

THAT SILLY GIRL IS ALWAYS STIRRING UP TROUBLE

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HI! IT TOOK PRETTY LONG

HURRY AND HOP ONTO MY BACK, AND THANKS FOR THE GREAT FOOD

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YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE QUCIKLY DON'T YOU?

AS A HUMBLE GRATITUDE, I'LL BRING YOU TO THE SOUTHERN TOWN

TN: I GUESS, IT'S THE TOWN BETWEEN THE CASTLE TOWN AND THE FORT TOWN

OKAY, LET'S START!!

LEAVE IT TO ME

GOODBYE, SOUTHERN FAIRIES

---- GOOD BYE, SOUTH -ERN FORT TOWN

AFTER ALL, AN ADVENTURER IS LIKE A MIGRATORY BIRD....

AND THANK YOU

FAIRY QUEEN'S CHAMB -ERS

UHUM, SO THAT'S BEEN DEALT WITH?

YES, YOUR MAJESTY, THE CASE IS BEING WORKED ON RIGHT NOW, PRODUCING GOOD RESULTS

HOW IS THE ORDER WITHIN THE CASTLE WALLS?

REPORT -ING!

THEREFORE WE'RE CONSIDERING THE POLICY OF CALLING OFF THE PASS FROM ESPECIALLY RUDE ADVENTURERS AND EXILING THEM

...ALTHOUGH, AMONG THE ADVENTURERS THERE SEEM TO BE SOME VIOLENT ELEMENT

AS A RESULT, THE PUBLIC ORDER SHOWS SIGNS OF IMPROVE-MENT

THERE ARE MANY HUMAN KIN ADVENTUR-ERS VISITING THANKS TO THE REQUEST BOARDS IN BARS, THE NUMBER OF HARMFUL ANIMALS HAS DECREASED

FOR GOD'S SAKE... YOU CAN FIND PEOPLE, THAT DON'T LEARN ON THEIR OWN MISTAKES ANYWHERE

AFTER ALL, AS WE ARE ON EQUAL FOOTING, THE PUNISHMENT FOR RUDE BEHAVIOUR SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE

THE EXILEMENT IS A SUITABLE PUNISHMENT FOR THE HOOLIGANS

AND TO MAKE ARRANGE-MENTS FOR LONG COACH KINES POST-HASTE

SO, IT WAS DECIDED TO ARRANGE SEVERAL STAGE-COACHES

ALSO, THERE ARE REQUESTS TO SPREAD MORE HUMAN ADVENTURERS THE EAST AND THE WEST FORTS

GOOD, PLEASE BEGIN THE PREPARATIONS WITH MY AGREEMENT

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AND ALSO... CONCERN -ING THE SOUTHERN FORT TOWN RESIDENTS

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WELL, REPORT AHEAD

WHAT!! ASSEMBLE A MOBILE COMMISSION TO FIND OUT THE ACTUAL SITUATION IMMEDIATELY!!

WE CANNOT LET THIS IMPEDE THE JUST-ESTABLISHED CO-OPERATION WITH THE HUMAN KIN!!

A HUMAN, THAT HELPED THE HARMFUL HIGH RABBITS SUBJUGATION AND COOKED DELICIOUS MEALS

BECAME THE VICTIM OF THE FORT SUPERVISOR'S DAUGHTER OPPRESSION, FLED AND IS NOW MISSING...

EXCUSE ME, BUT THERE WAS ANOTHER REPORT

---AFTER THAT, ALL, WHO WERE PRESENT

SAID ONE THING UNANI -MOUSLY ---

THA... THAT...

THOUGH THE DRIVEN OUT HUMAN'S IDENTITY WAS NOT ESTABLISHED ... WITH CERTAINTY, BUT THERE WAS A HIGH PROBABILITY OF IT BEING MR. EARTH

"I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M STANDING HERE ALIVE"

TOARU OSSAN NO VRMMO
CHAPTER 20
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